

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S2841–S2873**

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4357–4364, and S. Res. 663–667. **Pages S2865–66**

**Measures Reported:**

H.R. 2142, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Manhattan Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the “Indiana Hunt-Martin Post Office Building”. **Page S2865**

**Measures Passed:**

**Pulse Nightclub Attack Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 663, honoring the memory of the victims of the heinous attack at the Pulse nightclub on June 12, 2016. **Page S2859**

**Authorizing Testimony and Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 665, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Seefried, et al.* **Page S2872**

**Authorizing Testimony and Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 666, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Williams.* **Pages S2872–73**

**Rodeo-Chediski Fire 20th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 667, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Rodeo-Chediski Fire in Arizona. **Page S2873**

**Measures Considered:**

**Honoring Our Pact Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2843–44**

Pending:

Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2843**

Schumer Amendment No. 5065 (to Amendment No. 5051), to add an effective date. **Page S2843**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 9, 2022;

and that at 1:45 p.m., Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, and vote on confirmation of the nomination, as provided under the previous order of Wednesday, May 25, 2022. **Page S2873**

**Appointments:**

**United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, appointed the following individuals to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Mr. Abraham Cooper of California, and Eric M. Ueland of Oregon. **Page S2872**

**Gomez Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Pages S2844–47**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. EX. 219), Senate failed to confirm the nomination. **Page S2847**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the nomination was not confirmed. **Page S2847**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 220), Nina Morrison, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S2847–48**

By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 221), Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2027. **Pages S2848–59, S2859–61**

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 222), Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education. **Page S2861**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Daniel B. Maffei, of New York, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

Catherine J.K. Sandoval, of California, to be a Member of Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Douglas J. McKalip, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jessica Davis Ba, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

Robert J. Faucher, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Maria Duaime Robinson, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Office of Electricity), which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2022.

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—222) Pages S2847–48, S2861

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2873.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael S. Barr, of Michigan, to be a Mem-

ber, and to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors, and Jaime E. Lizarraga, of Virginia, and Mark Toshiro Uyeda, of California, both to be a Member, all of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robin Meredith Cohn Hutcheson, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Michael Cottman Morgan, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Sean Burton, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Annie Caputo, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Inhofe, and Bradley R. Crowell, of Nevada, who was introduced by Senator Cortez Masto, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### U.S.-SYRIA POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the path forward on U.S.-Syria policy, focusing on strategy and accountability, after receiving testimony from Barbara Leaf, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Dana Stroul, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Policy; The Gravedigger, Witness to Mass Graves in Syria; and Milena Sterio, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Carlton W. Reeves, of Mississippi, to be a Member, and to be Chair, and Laura E. Mate, of Iowa, Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, and John Gleeson, of New York, and Claire McCusker Murray, of Maryland, Claria Horn Boom, of Kentucky, and Candice C. Wong, of the District of Columbia, who were introduced by Senator McConnell, each to be a Member, all of the United States Sentencing Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### SMALL BUSINESS WORKFORCE CHALLENGE

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the small